## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

BERKLEY ASSURANCE COMPANY	
Plaintiff,	Case 4:18-cv02082
vs.	
BMG SERVICE GROUP, LLC d/b/a/, THE BOULEVARD GRILL & BAR VENUE, et al	
Defendants.	
BOULEVARD RE HOLDINGS LLC	
Third-Party Plaintiff ) vs.	
MIXON INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.	
Third-Party Defendant. )	

# DEFENDANT MIXON INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.'S ANSWER TO THE THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT

COMES NOW, Third Party Defendant Mixon Insurance Agency, Inc. ("Defendant"), by the through counsel, and for its Answer to the Third-Party Complaint state as follows to the Honorable Court:

## PARTIES AND JURISDICTION

- 1. Defendant has insufficient information to admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 1 of the Third-Party Complaint and, therefore, denies same.
  - 2. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 2 of the Third-Party Complaint.
  - 3. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 3 of the Third-Party Complaint.

### FACTS COMMON TO ALL COUNTS

4. Defendant has insufficient information to admit or deny the allegations contained in

Paragraph 4 of the Third-Party Complaint and, therefore, denies same.

- 5. Defendant has insufficient information to admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 5 of the Third-Party Complaint and, therefore, denies same.
  - 6. Defendant admits the allegations contained in Paragraph 6 of the Third-Party Complaint.
- 7. Defendant has insufficient information to admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 7 of the Third-Party Complaint and, therefore, denies same.
- 8. Defendant has insufficient information to admit or deny the allegations contained in Paragraph 8 of the Third-Party Complaint and, therefore, denies same.
  - 9. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 9 of the Third-Party Complaint.
  - 10. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 10 of the Third-Party Complaint.COUNT I NEGLIGENT FAILURE TO PROCURE INSURANCE
- 11. Defendant incorporates by reference its answers to Paragraphs 1-10 as if fully set forth herein.
  - 12. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 12 of the Third-Party Complaint.
  - 13. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 13 of the Third-Party Complaint.
  - 14. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 14 of the Third-Party Complaint.
  - 15. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 15 of the Third-Party Complaint.

WHEREFORE, having fully answered, Third-Party Defendant Mixon Insurance Agency, Inc. prays that Third-Party Plaintiff be denied any relief sought in this Third-Party Complaint; that judgment be entered in favor of Third-Party Defendant and against Third-Party Plaintiff; and for such other and further orders as the Court deems just and proper.

#### **COUNT II – BREACH OF CONTRACT**

16. Defendant incorporates by reference its answers to Paragraphs 1 - 10 as if fully set forth

herein.

- 17. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 17 of the Third-Party Complaint.
- 18. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 18 of the Third-Party Complaint.
- 19. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 19 of the Third-Party Complaint.
- 20. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 20 of the Third-Party Complaint.
- 21. Defendant denies the allegations contained in Paragraph 21 of the Third-Party Complaint.

WHEREFORE, having fully answered, Third-Party Defendant Mixon Insurance Agency, Inc. prays that Third-Party Plaintiff be denied any relief sought in this Third-Party Complaint; that judgment be entered in favor of Third-Party Defendant and against Third-Party Plaintiff; and for such other and further orders as the Court deems just and proper.

## AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 1. For further answer and affirmative defense, Defendant states that Boulevard RE Holdings, LLC is not in privity with Defendant and Defendant owed no duty to an alleged third-party beneficiary under an alleged oral agreement.
- 2. For further answer and affirmative defense, Defendant states that Boulevard RE Holdings, LLC's claims, if any, are barred by waiver and/or estoppel in that BMG Service Group, LLC approved the application of insurance.
- 3. For further answer and affirmative defense, Defendant states that Boulevard RE Holdings, LLC is not and has never been a "mortgagee" as the "All Inclusive Agreement for Deed" is merely an installment contract and not a deed of trust or mortgage under Missouri law, was never recorded with the City of St. Louis Recorder of Deeds, and a Memorandum of Contract recorded on October 3, 2018 with the City of St. Louis Recorder of Deeds only identifies "Contract for Deed" dated June 23, 2018.

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Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies and that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was electronically filed via the Court's CM/ECF filing system for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri this 17th day of October, 2019, upon:

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